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All those who are interested are cordially invited.

By kind permission of His Excellency The Governor, the Lecture will be given in the hall-room at Government House.
H. E. POLLOCK,
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W. D. SRAFT,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1915. 1338

NATIONAL MISSION.

A WISH has been expressed by many of those who attended the Services of the National Mission, that Mr. W. M. Humphreys, 16 Queen's Road, will be glad to receive any further donations from any who have not subscribed and wish to do so.
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A BEE FIGHT IN EAST AFRICA.

AMUSING INTERLUDE IN THE CAMPAIGN.

(By Vere Stent, in the "Pictorial News.")

The scene is set. You have some idea of the atmosphere and surroundings. The curtain rises on our hot line of march safari fashion. I rode with the staff, more often we walked, leading our horses or halting, dismounted and crept beneath such shade as we could find in the long grass, while the advanced guard felt for the enemy before us. We had hardly been on the move an hour when word was sent that the advanced guard had lost touch with the scouts, and a halt was called until connection should be re-established. This took some while, but when done, a foolish scout was suitably admonished, we moved forward. For four hours and a half we pursued our serpentine wanderings from above we must have looked like a monster snake in the grass, and then a short halt was called and packs were put off for a few minutes. Between noon and 1 o'clock just as we had resumed, firing broke clear and sharp, our line moved slowly forward. The fire grew more rapid and insistent. The advanced guard was coming into action.

The staff dismounted and the native porters promptly bagged every available inch of cover. I noticed this particular bit of cover, I marked a bit of a tree, and, as I was in a hurry, I saw things becoming hot. To have availed myself of it was by now impossible; a group of Swahili, their loads piled before them, lay a writhing heap of sweating, fearful humanity of which the under man considered himself a test off. An odd bullet or two whistled sleek over us. Then along the path ahead came, hurrying men and mules.

Hurrying back! The Brigadier frowned. "What's this?" he asked. "The ammunition mules have stampeded!" The situation seemed absurd, but it might become serious. Down the line, the mules, their loads piled before them, lay a writhing heap of sweating, fearful humanity of which the under man considered himself a test off. An odd bullet or two whistled sleek over us. Then along the path ahead came, hurrying men and mules.

Calming the indignant and perspiring horse, we were all perspiring, and that particularly, I started back, but progress was difficult, and suddenly there came a burst of fire from quite a different point of the compass at which I supposed the front to be. I moved towards it, as the only likely point to get into touch with our people, and luckily in a few moments, stumbled upon the column again in rear of the bee zone, but the staff were far ahead, and there was a pleasing uncertainty as to what was going on. I went forward, all attempts at grasping the situation. A second attempt to rejoin the staff with my horse resulted in defeat by four bees, and then humping my precious portfolio I left my horse to be brought forward later on and followed a deviation that avoided bees. We—I had found the rear-guard—tramped steadily forward, across the river and dig on for the night. The order, and we debouched into a harvested, meadow field, a ride across, jumping into the earth, surrounded by unsightly, smooth ground. Intelligence had set up a

in a cleft stick alongside it inscribed "On no account touch this." It was as full of suggestion as the legend "Wet paint." The temptation to pull the barrel defiantly out of the ground was heavy upon all of us, exactly as one always puts one's finger on wet paint to test the truth of the warning, but we remembered German West and its trick mines, and passed by upon the other side.

A SALT GABELLE OFFICER'S M.C.

ROBE FOOTBALLER AT LA BOISSELLE.

Capt. D. H. James, son of Capt. James, of Kobe, who is well-known in Shanghai and northern China, has been awarded the Military Cross. Capt. James, who has two brothers at the front, represented the "Daily Telegraph" in the Russo-Japanese War and wrote an excellent account of the siege of Port Arthur; he was present at the capitulation of that fortress. Capt. James was in South Africa, later with coolies from China, and then he was appointed District Inspector District, having a sound knowledge of both Chinese and Japanese. This appointment Mr. James gave up in order to serve in the war and, on going home, he was given a commission as captain. It is interesting to recall that Capt. James was one of the men who represented Japan in the Interport Association Football match with Shanghai in 1912.

Capt. James won the Military Cross at La Boisselle where he took command of some disorganized and officerless troops and made a bombing counter-attack which stopped the 110th German Regiment from retaking La Boisselle. The British artillery, who had been informed in error that more than half of the village had been taken from the British, recommenced a terrific bombardment right among our troops, who were digging in. Capt. James sent up flare and signals and despatched an orderly with a message to stop, so that he could drive home the attack. In order to hold off the German attack he advanced across the open with a small party of bombers and kept up long-range bombing from the top of the trench. Being an expert bomber he easily outwitted the ordinary German bomber. For some time his small party was well in advance of the troops who were digging in, and it now formed a buffer between the German counter-attack and the defence. The Germans turned on machine guns, and by the explosion of a big shell the whole of the small party was wiped out with the exception of Capt. James, who was wounded in the right side. Capt. James, however, made his way to Artillery Headquarters, a distance of four miles, and made a report. He got his wound dressed at a dressing station and reported for duty, but was sent at once to Rouen, where complications set in and for a time his life was despaired of. He is now recovering.

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persons have also been vaccinated.

THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE VERDUN VICTORY.

11,387 PRISONERS.

VIOLENT GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACK FAILS.

PARIS, Dec. 18.

A communiqué states:—The Germans violently counter-attacked our new positions on the right bank of the Meuse, but did not succeed in gaining a footing, except at Chambrettes Farm, the immediate approaches to which, however, we continue to hold. We have up to the present counted 11,387 prisoners at Verdun since the 15th inst., including 284 officers.

We captured or destroyed 115 guns, 44 mine-throwers and 107 machine-guns.

ENEMY EJECTED FROM THE FARM.

LATER.

A communiqué states:—South of the Somme there has been fairly lively reciprocal artillery activity in the La Maisonnette sector. On the right of the Meuse, after a sharp fight, we ejected the enemy from Chambrettes Farm; the whole of which we have re-occupied. Two machine-guns were captured.

FURTHER INTERESTING DETAILS.

PARIS, Dec. 18.

The capture of Pepper Hill was the decisive event leading to the victory at Verdun.

The Germans were clinging desperately to the hill when unexpectedly there was an attack on their rear. A debacle followed. The enemy fled, leaving away their arms, munitions and equipment.

Our contingents cut off the retreat of the enemy who surrendered by hundreds. Further east the powerfully fortified Chambrettes Farm, on which 60 machine-guns were found, was gloriously assaulted by a weak force. A battery of 8-inch guns was found in an adjacent place, intact, the guns being dead alongside them.

Big captures of munitions further testified to the completeness of the victory.

LATER.

An official announcement says:—On the right of the Meuse our new lines from Vacheriauville to Beson-Vaux, and particularly the Chambrettes Farm sector, has been bombarded. We replied.

BRITISH RAID TRENCHES.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We successfully raided trenches at Renhart inflicting casualties by bombing and dug-outs were entered in the trenches.

South-West of Wytschacte we destroyed a machine-gun emplacement. The enemy blew a camouflaged eastwards of Ypres.

LATER.

Sir Douglas Haig reports that enemy trenches were successfully entered southward of Armentières last night, and a number of the occupants killed.

A GERMAN COMMUNIQUE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The German evening official announcement says:—

There has been moderate fighting in the West and East.

Our army in Dobruja gained ground northwards. German aeroplanes bombed Russian warships at Sulina, and killed a hostile aeroplane which was using a machine-gun.

BRITISH HORSE-TRANSPORT SUBMARINED.

SEVENTEEN AMERICAN MULETEERS KILLED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Admiralty announces that the horse-transport *Bursin*, west-bound empty, was submarined and sunk in the Mediterranean on the 14th inst. Eleven of the crew and 17 American muleteers were killed.

SHIPS SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The steamers *Westminster* (British), *Drak* (Norwegian), *Michael Ouchoukoff* (Danish), *Vala* (Swedish), and the sailing ships *Nalid* and *Constance Mary* (British) have been sunk.

THE STRUGGLE IN RUMANIA.

A RUSSIAN SUCCESS.

ENEMY CAVALRY AVOIDS BATTLE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A Russian communiqué says:—A strong enemy attack in the region of Walerutna was repelled at the point of the bayonet. We pursued them and secured a height on the Rumanian front.

Our cavalry twice rushed to attack the enemy cavalry which was attempting to attack our retreating troops in the region of Buzau. The enemy would not accept battle, and retired behind the infantry.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE MANY HEIGHTS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A Russian communiqué states:—We have captured a number of heights in the Carpathians, taken 200 prisoners and repelled enemy counter-attacks there and in the regions of Filipesci and Dibatoga, Rumania.

GERMAN AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A German communiqué states:—Our air squadrons attacked the enemy re-transport towards Braila with visible effect.

IMPORTANT FIGHTING IMPENDING.

RUMANIAN ARMIES ARE COMPLETELY SAVED.

PARIS, Dec. 18.

Advices from Petrograd state that the enemy suffered enormous losses in Wallachia.

The Rumanian armies were completely saved and are at present on the other side of the Sereth where they are reorganising.

The Russians are holding the ground on all fronts, except between Rimnicu and Sarat and in the Trotus region, where, however, General Averesco (the Rumanian Commander-in-Chief) is standing firm.

General Brusiloff has moved southward in South Moldavia. A Russo-Rumanian plan has been carried out and important fighting is impending.

THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

BRITISH RAIDS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A Salonika despatch reports two successful raids by the British on the Struma front and Lake Doiran.

Our aeroplanes bombed Tumba station and damaged transport on the Gheorgii Cherniate Road.

SERBIAN PRISONERS STAYING IN AUSTRIA.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Serbian Legation reports that an escaped Russian Priest describes the Serbian prisoners in Austria as weak and emaciated. They search for roots and sometimes beg. He never saw a more wretched set of men.

SAFE CONDUCT FOR AN AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Foreign Office has granted Herr Tarnowski, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Washington, safe conduct to the United States.

ITALIAN CABINET REORGANISATION.

ROME, Dec. 18.

A number of members of Parliament are urging Senator Boselli to appoint a War Committee on similar lines to the British and French.

EXCITEMENT IN TOKYO ALLAYED.

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

The excitement due to the announcement of the German Peace proposals has been allayed.

BOMBING RAIDS BY AIRSHIPS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Air Board describes successful bombing raids in France. German artillery prisoners admit that large numbers of guns were directly hit as the result of accurate observation by British aviators.

THE ULTIMATUM TO GREECE.

ALLIES DEMANDED REPARATION FOR MURDERED SOLDIERS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A telegram from Athens states that the Allies have demanded Reparation for murdered soldiers in the shape of a salute to their flag.

The re-establishment of Allied control of the public services (i.e. posts, telegraphs, communications, etc.).

An indemnity.

Amnesty for Venizelists.

It is expected that the blockade will be maintained till these conditions are fulfilled.

The price of necessities has risen 80 per cent. in consequence of the blockade.

THE PERSECUTION OF THE VENEZELISTS.

The Athens Correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* states that 8,000 Venizelists are in prison and that 800 have been shot.

GRAVE HAPPENINGS IN THE PROVINCES.

A *Daily Mail* message from Syria, despatched on the 11th inst., reports grave happenings in the Greek provinces. Greek officers seized the guns and ammunition in Allied control at Volo, Larissa and Trikala, and expelled the controllers who were insulted by the crowds. At Volo a gang hauled British officers from a steamer, threw the furniture of the British control officers into the sea, and killed two French soldiers and a Greek interpreter.

PANIC ON ATHENS STOCK EXCHANGE.

ATHENS, Dec. 18.

There is panic on the Stock Exchange owing to the blockade.

TRANSPORT OF GREEK TROOPS TO MOREA.

LATER.

The transport of Greek troops to Morea began on Saturday. The passage of the trains was checked at Elis station.

Allied officers and French warships at Patras and Corinth are supervising.

THE FOOD SHORTAGE IN GERMANY.

KEY TO GERMANY'S PEACE OFFER.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.

The food shortage in Germany is the key to Germany's peace offer.

Herr Batochi, the Food Controller, twenty-four hours previous to the offer being announced, was told by the addressees that the potato crop was 20,000,000 tons compared with 30,000,000 tons last year, and that the grain crop was 1,500,000 tons short of the estimate.

The expectation of supplies from Rumania will not be realised, as Hungary and Austria are already quarrelling over it. The *Koelnische Zeitung* hints that Herr Koerber's fall is due to a quarrel with Count Tizze on this subject.

BLINDED IN THE WAR.

AN APPEAL.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Sir Arthur Pearson makes the following appeal to the Press of the world:—

I request you to ask your readers to send a New Year's gift to help the men blinded by the war. Their numbers are increasing very rapidly. I have nearly 300 learning to be blind and nearly 200 more coming shortly from hospital. One hundred and sixty already taught to read Braille and to type-write are settled in useful and profitable occupation.

A large permanent fund is needed to ensure adequate supervision and assistance to these and others following. The courage, determination and rapidity which is shown in overcoming the handicap is beyond all praise. I trust those possessing the inestimable gift of sight will send a New Year's thankoffering for the benefit of those who have given their eyes for the Empire.

The above is sent through the courtesy of the Eastern Telegraph Company.

ARTHUR PEARSON.

St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park, London.

THE OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

BRITISH HOLD ON HAI RIVER EXTENDED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

It is officially announced that General Maude has extended his hold on the Hai river and has bombarded the Turkish positions with good results.

The cavalry discovered that the Turks are constructing a bridge over the Tigris six miles westward of Kut-el-Amara. Our casualties have been inconsiderable.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VERDUN VICTORY.

WAR RESTORED TO ITS TRUE PERSPECTIVE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A significant feature of the Verdun fighting was the apparent absence of German Reserves, and accounts agree that the dispirited Germans are beaten before they start. They fought only with artillery, and that wildly, and the trenches were carried in a very easy manner.

Snow fell heavily on the battlefield on Saturday, the ground was bog-like, and it was impossible to dig trenches. The heroism displayed in retaining the ground won was more conspicuous than the capture thereof, as the evacuation of the wounded and the bringing up of supplies was most difficult.

The English papers acclaim the victory as proving that at a moment of national crisis France's soldiers had proved heretofore in restoring the war to its true perspective.

They also point out that the German indecisive success in Rumania has in the East and West and conclude by stating that the Allied nations may contemplate the future with quiet minds.

BRITAIN'S PEACE TERMS.

OUR SACRED OBLIGATIONS TO OUR ALLIES.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, (a member of the War Cabinet) in the course of a speech, said that the peace-loving British would welcome peace, but they remembered that the offer emanated from a Power which had infamously proposed, in 1914, that we should betray France and acquiesce in the violation of Belgium. Therefore, the proposals must be scrutinised in the light of our sacred obligations to the Allies, and must be tested by the principles for which we were fighting. Indemnities for the past would be insufficient without guarantees for the future, and the latter would be insufficient without ample reparation being made to Belgium, Serbia and Poland. If the proposals were merely a pretence to secure an armistice, we must set our faces like steel and confront all hardships and dangers in order to secure a righteous peace.

ITALY AND PEACE.

STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Communications with Italy have been interrupted by snowstorms. Biased messages from Rome show that the Italian press repudiates the idea of peace negotiations at present. Signor Sonnino, speaking in the Chamber on Wednesday, said he had received the German Peace Note, which was most vague. Therefore, he deprecated any discussion, as it was most important the Allies should set in motion.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S DRASTIC PROPOSALS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Reynolds Newspaper states that in the event of anything like a concerted effort to oppose the drastic proposals which Mr. Lloyd George, the Premier, will submit to Parliament, the inner circle of the Premier's supporters make no secret of the possibility of an election.

BRITAIN'S FOOD PROBLEM.

A MEATLESS DAY EXPECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

It is expected that Lord Davenport, Food Controller, will shortly enforce a meatless day, probably Thursday, (including private houses), sugar tickets, and the compulsory use of maize, oats, or barley in addition to wheat, in bread-making.

ITALY'S FINANCES.

LOOKING TO BRITAIN.

ROME, Dec. 18.

The Finance Minister, referring to the Budget, announced that last year there was a deficit of 188,000,000 lire. He, however, no great difficulties in providing, in the forthcoming period, for internal expenses, while he was confident that they would cordially be given, the support of the British Treasury to overcome their difficulties regarding war payments abroad.

ORDER RESTORED IN PORTUGAL.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Order is completely restored in Portugal, from which place trains are running normally.

RE-ELECTION BILL.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The House of Commons has passed the Re-election Bill, dispensing with the necessity for the re-election of Ministers.

MAN-POWER.

The general situation on all fronts is neither gloomy nor more gloomy than we have the right to expect from the comparative forces engaged and the relationship of the different fronts, says Mr. Garvin in the *Observer*. If we add up all the field divisions engaged by the Allies and by the Central Powers, we doubt whether the numerical preponderance of the Allies is greater than seven to five, and we think it correct that the central situation of the enemy, his superior railway system, and his excellent organisation, go very far to equalise matters between the two sides. We have not yet placed in the field sufficient force to overwhelm the enemy, and some of our Allies are still inferior to the enemy in armament. We have just enough numerical superiority to seize the initiative and to attack, and all our Allied Armies have attacked with the utmost gallantry and resolution. We have the sense of superiority, and the spirit of the Allied Armies is magnificent, but we must openly say that the Allies are bound to place in the field larger forces next year in order to achieve better results than those which they have hitherto secured.

While the pressure upon the enemy should be continued on all fronts throughout the winter, where practicable, a very few of the Allies should meet together at once, review the events of the past year, and collectively advise upon the preparations to be made for the campaign next year, and the military operations to be executed. Now is the time to prepare. The raising of fresh levies, together with their equipment and training, take many months, and it is time for us to face the fact that unless we can between us develop a greater numerical superiority over the enemy in man and munitions, we produce some better strategic plan than that which we have hitherto followed, the decisive defeat of the enemy's armies by military means will scarcely be accomplished during the year 1919. Greatly though Germany has suffered, heavily though Austria has been hit, and though the strain upon Germany must be to sustain the conflict over a front at least ten times as long as that which our British Armies occupy, we are still not convinced that we can wear down our stubborn enemy during next year's campaigning season if we are content to rub along with no more than the field effectiveness which we now possess.

Germany would not have created her new divisions which imply, at all events, new artillery, new machine-gun detachments and all the other attendant services, had she not seen her way to maintain them, and though we think it true that the exhaustion of German man-power is the only sure means of ending the war, we are not convinced that this object is even yet within a measurable distance. German strength in the field are still normally maintained, the class of 1918 has only been partially engaged; the classes of 1918 and perhaps 1919 are in sight; men over the age of 18 have not been to our knowledge called upon; and even if Germany be a pure defensive, the strength of this form of war, the virtue of semi-permanent field defences and obstacles, and the proved capacity of the German stock to take and bear punishment, render it probable that our principal enemy may still be able to live through next year's campaign unless we develop stronger hitting power and take an altogether heavier toll of the character and extent of the effort demanded of us than we do at present.

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SIAMESE NAVY'S CLAIM.

In the Bangkok Civil Court on November 27 the hearing was begun of the case brought by the Ministry of Marine against the Bangkok Dock Co., Ltd., for T.S. 26,124 for breach of contract, says the *Bangkok Times*. The particular set forth that on October 20, 1915, the defendant company made a contract with the Ministry of Marine to build a ferro-concrete banding at Bang Sa for T.S. 40,000. During the progress of the work defendant company made a further agreement with the Ministry for an extension of the banding and extra work for filling in earth on the back of the previous extension for the sum of T.S. 8,000. Plaintiff alleges that part of the first banding gave way on June 8, June 20 and August 15. Plaintiff has notified defendant company that they would be held responsible for the damage, but defendant contended the banding had been handed over and that the cause of the banding falling out was an explosion at Bang Sa and not bad workmanship. Thereupon plaintiff appointed an expert to examine the banding, and his opinion being that the explosion had nothing to do with the accident, the Ministry gave out a contract to another party for T.S. 27,028 to rebuild the damaged banding in good condition.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

WINTER "BISLEN" BOXING DAY.

Officers in charge of Teams are requested not to call in sending in the names of the members of their Teams not later than Wednesday, December 20th. The names are required for Boxing purposes. (The information must be sent to Mr. F. O. Jenkins, Chief Constable, Police Buildings, 100, Queen's Road, Central.)

Visitors to the Range are advised that Tiffin will be provided by the Wiseman Cafe, Ltd. (and not by the Alhambra Cafe as previously announced). All officers are invited to tiffin with the Police Reserve Superintendents. All Comptrollers and others on duty at the Firing Point and in the Butts will sit at the guests of the Police Reserve Headquarters Club. Others may obtain Tiffin by making early arrangements with the Wiseman Cafe (Tel. 407).

BATTLE'S AFTERMATH.

Mr. E. Ashmead Bartlett, writing in the *Daily Telegraph*, says: "The throwing back of the German lines enables you to visit for the first time since the battle of Verdun a ground which has long remained No Man's Land, and which remains littered with all the debris of a long series of terrible fights. There are thousands of rifles and half-buried machine-guns, debris of every description, and thousands and thousands of exploded and unexploded shells. Corpses are in all stages of decay; some reduced to skeletons, others with some flesh still remaining, and grinning horribly, as if they were pleased to see the lines again. As new trenches are cut in the valley of Fleury the bodies come out of the ground or from part of the walls. There has been no time to clear up the mess, and the scene presents perhaps the most awful spectacle of the horrors of war I have ever seen. Both sides are fighting over a vast cemetery where every shell thrown up to the surface what remains of an old victim of an Emperor's ambition and perhaps buried a fresh one in the open tomb. Of the village, and station of Fleury nothing remains whatsoever. You cannot tell until you are actually on the spot that any dwellings ever stood there. It is impossible to read the topography of the country from the map, because so many former landmarks have been pounded into the bosom of another earth."

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THE Steamship NOVARA, Captain R. R. Hetherington, is carrying the Mails, will be despatched from this port on or about FRIDAY, the 29th December, 1916, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's Steamship "Mooltan" from Colombo. Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong. Silk and Valuables and Trunks (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Singapore and London. Other Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay, per "Mooltan" due in London about 16th February, 1917.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 3 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to E. V. D. FARR, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1916. 1341

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE.

THE Mitsui-Bussan Kaisha's steamer "TOKAI MARU" will be despatched by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha for Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Mexico and Central and South American Ports on FRIDAY the 19th January. For information regarding freight etc. kindly apply to the undersigned.

T. DAIGO, Agent.

Toyo Kisen Kaisha, Hongkong.

Hongkong, Dec. 8, 1916. 1300

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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S.S. "CARMARTHENSIRE" FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND INTERMEDIATE PORTS.

OWING to an outbreak of diphtheria on board this vessel at Port Swettenham a General Average Contribution of 10% will be collected.

The General Average Bond will require to be signed and deposited before counter signature of Bill of Lading can be given.

The S.S. "Carmarthenshire" is due here about 18th December.

For further particulars apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents for The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.

Owners of the "Shire" Line of Steamers. Hongkong, Dec. 11, 1916. 1315

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO VIA HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND MANILA.

THE Steamship TENYO MARU.

The above named Steamer, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo, from Hongkong.

Cargo remaining unclaimed on THURSDAY, 14th Dec. at Noon, will be loaded at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on cargo remaining unclaimed on THURSDAY, 14th Dec. at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance charges will be effected.

No claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown. All claims and damaged Cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 20th December at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognized if filed after the 3rd January.

T. DAIGO, Agent.

Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1916. 1335

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO AND INTERMEDIATE PORTS.

THE Company's Steamship "TOYOKA MARU" is arriving from the above ports.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godown. Goods will be examined by the Company's Godown at Kowloon, where such examination will be conducted on 20th Dec. at 10 a.m.

Ordinary Goods will be carried on special instructions are given to the Company's Godown at Kowloon, where such examination will be conducted on 20th Dec. at 10 a.m.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed address, on 20th Dec. at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within 28 days of the date of arrival of the Goods, which date they cannot be recognized after the 3rd January.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, E. MURI, Agent.

Hongkong, Dec. 16, 1916. 1347

